

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism, through the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, is seeking applications from organizations interested in administering an AmeriCorps*State program to get things done in their community. The information can be found by clicking this link: <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2362.htm>.

Technical Assistance sessions are being held throughout the state to prepare for proposal submission. Sessions begin on August 27, 2007.

Please note: It is mandatory to attend a Technical Assistance Session in order to apply for funding. Anyone interested in pursuing an AmeriCorps*State grant, should access: <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm> to view the TA session schedule and locations, then email: RFP_Workshop_Registration@ofbci.in.gov to register for a session. Before attending the TA sessions, those interested should learn more about AmeriCorps and the application process by going to: <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2362.htm> to view two informative presentations.

Any questions should be directed to: RFP_FAQ@ofbci.in.gov.



White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference Youth and Education in the Hispanic Community

Monday, September 24, in Washington, DC
8 AM to 5 PM
Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009

On Monday, September 24, 2007, the White House and the Departments of Education, Justice, Commerce, Agriculture, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, Homeland Security, the Agency for International Development, and the Small Business Administration will host a conference in Washington, DC, to help social service organizations learn more about President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. This conference will give practical information on education reform and provide technical assistance for accessing Federal resources that will expand the understanding and build the capacity of faith-based and community organizations to better serve children, youth, families, and communities. Although the conference will highlight successful educational partnerships within the Hispanic community, the information given at the conference will be of benefit to organizations that work with youth of all races and ethnic backgrounds.

This conference is free, but pre-registration is required, and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit www.fbc.gov to register online. Please register by Wednesday, September 18th. If you are unable to register online, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com or call 202-456-6708.

"7 Weeks of Domestic Violence Awareness" Week of August 26th

Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Violence: Helping the Survivor--

- * Reassure them that the abuse is NOT their fault and they have done NOTHING to deserve this treatment.
- * Validate their feelings.
- * Recognize their right to make their own decisions, even if they decide to stay in the relationship. REMEMBER, only the person in the relationship knows when it is safe and appropriate to break away.
- * NEVER tell someone to leave.
- * Do not attack the batterer.
- * Support them, no matter what.
- * Educate yourself and the community.
- * If you are familiar, provide resources for them to seek help if and when they are ready.

Addressing the Batterer--

- * Do not confront the batterer directly as that may put the survivor at greater risk.
- * Hold the batterer accountable for his actions.

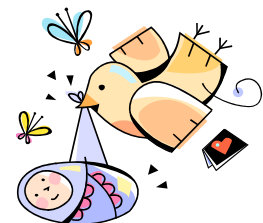
Want better health and more energy? Want to save money? Need a little incentive? Enter the Quit 2 Win contest! Pledge to quit smoking for 30 days, September 15 – October 15, 2007! You may be the luck one to win an additional grand prize. Log on now to www.inshape.IN.gov and click the Quite 2 Win logo to enter. All entries must be received by September 5, 2007.



Treatment, care and prevention of Alzheimer's disease depends on you! Alzheimer's is a devastating disease that affects 13 percent of people over age 65 and almost half of all people over age 85. Do you want to learn more about Alzheimer's and how you or someone you know can be a part of the solution? Individuals are needed – both healthy and those diagnosed with Alzheimer's – to learn about and participate in clinical studies. For more information, contact the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana by visiting www.alz.org or calling toll free at 1-800-272-3900. To arrange a short presentation and question-and-answer session at your facility, or to receive free brochures or other materials, please contact Andrea Farmer at andrea.farmer@borshoff.biz or 317-631-6400. You can make a difference!

Indiana Perinatal Network and the Indiana State Department of Health will be hosting **Best Intentions: Unplanned Pregnancies & the Well-Being of Indiana Families.**

This statewide summit focusing on unplanned pregnancies will be on September 12-13, 2007 at the Fountains Banquet & Conference Center in Carmel, IN. If you would like to hear local and national speakers discuss the complex factors associated with this issue and explore common ground solutions at the state and local level, call the Indiana Perinatal Network at 317-924-0825 x4222 or visit www.indianaperinatal.org for more information.



**COMING SOON!**

The Healthy Indiana Plan--A New Health Plan sponsored by the State of Indiana

What is HIP? The Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) is a new, affordable health insurance program for low-income, uninsured adult Hoosiers. The program offers comprehensive health benefits, including physician services, mental health services, and prescription drug coverage. The program is subsidized by the State, and therefore, requires only minimal monthly contributions from the participant.

Who is eligible? A single adult earning less than \$20,000, or families of four earning less than \$40,000 likely meet the basic financial requirements. Additional eligibility requirements include no access to employer-sponsored insurance and no insurance coverage for the previous 6 months. Additionally, if you are a parent of a child enrolled or eligible for Hoosier Healthwise, you likely qualify.

When can you enroll? Coverage is expected to begin in January 2008. Please check their web site or contact them for further information on enrollment in the coming months.

It's HIP to be Healthy in the State of Indiana! Want more information? Call (877) GET-HIP9 toll-free, email hipinfo@fssa.in.gov or visit www.HIP.in.gov



Lead based paint was banned in the late 1970's, and at that time, there were more than 13.5 million children in the U.S. with elevated blood lead levels (i.e., 10g/dl). In 2002, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported a dramatic decrease in those numbers to 310,000. Today, there are an estimated 14,000 children in Indiana under the age of seven that suffer from lead poisoning which can cause permanent damage to the brain and nervous system.

Although the use of lead-based paint in homes drastically decreased, it still exists. Jewelry, plastics, as well as clothing with zipper tags, have all been found to have excessively high levels of lead. Most recently, the U.S. Product Safety Commission, along with two toy companies-- Fisher Price and Mattel, have announced recalls on nearly 1 million toys made in China due to excessive amounts of lead. Sesame Street, Dora the Explorer and Elmo toys were sold nationwide in stores and reports show that they can poison children. When these objects are placed in their mouths, the paint is ingested and harmful affects occur. Unfortunately, the U.S. Government does not test toys for safety before sale; therefore it is the responsibility of parents, the community and health care providers to make sure that children are not exposed.

Since African American children are disproportionately affected by lead poisoning, Indiana Black Expo, Inc. (IBE) in collaboration with United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Indiana State Department of Health have made it a mission to inform families and communities of the harmful effects of lead and ways to prevent exposure. IBE's "Get the Lead Out" Test Your Home, Test Your Child campaign is working to raise awareness and educate communities on the harmful affects of lead exposure in Indiana. Lead poisoning is totally preventable and can be eliminated by taking simple steps such as getting your child tested yearly and purchasing Lead Swab Testing Kits at your local hardware store to test your home and toys. We must take a stand and help eliminate the prevalence of lead in our homes and provide a safer, healthier environment for our children.

For more information on recently recalled toys contact Fisher Price @ 800-916-4498 or Mattel @ www.service.mattel.com. To see a list of recalled products visit The Consumer Product Safety Commission website @ www.cpsc.gov.



The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll program for 2007 is now underway! The Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities for their encouragement and support for noteworthy student community service efforts.

The new web-based and user-friendly Honor Roll application is now available on the Corporation's website, www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll, along with detailed information about this year's Honor Roll program.

Applications are due no later than October 5, 2007. Data reported in the application are for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. All accredited, degree-granting colleges and universities in the US are eligible to apply. Previous Honor Roll members and Presidential Award winners are welcome to apply again.

Honor Roll members will be announced and the Honor Roll awards ceremony will be held during the annual conference of the American Council on Education (ACE) in February 2008 in San Diego, California.



Hurricane Katrina—Two Years Later: Hope After Hurricane Katrina is a community service of remembrance and hope which will be held on Wednesday, August 29th at 7:00 PM. This event is co-hosted by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis and will be held at the Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 4375 N. Arlington in Indianapolis. Please RSVP to bring resource table materials by August 28th to churches@churchfederationindy.org or call 317-926-5371.

Training Opportunities

Donor Centered Development

August 28 9am-4pm

Topic: Fundraising

Sponsored by: Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network

Contact: Jillian Miller (765)72-8241,

Location: United Way of Porter Co., 951 Eastport Centre Dr. Valparaiso, IN

Fee: \$40

Wabash Valley Community Summit

August 29 9am-3:15pm

Topics: Board Development, Board Recruitment, Collaborative Partnerships, Fundraising Basics, Writing Outcomes for Grants

Sponsored by: Indiana State University & United Way of the Wabash Valley

Contact: Donna Isbell, 812-237-2334; <http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice/>

Location: ISU, Hulman Memorial Student Union, Terre Haute, IN

Fee: \$10

Business Networking Series

August 30 8-9:30am

Topic: Networking

Sponsored by: Indianapolis Urban League

Contact: Aisha Sabur-Jarvis (317)693-7652

Location: Sam Jone's Center/Diversity and Race Relations Institute, 777 Indiana Ave. Indianapolis, IN

Fee: None

Windows Vista and Office 2007

August 30 11am-1pm

Topic: Technology

Sponsored by: NPower Indiana

Contact: NPower Indiana (cadams@npowerin.org)

Location: Little Red Door Cancer Agency, 1801 North Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN

Fee: None


"Children must early learn the beauty of generosity. They are taught to give what they prize most, that they may taste the happiness of giving."

—Ohiyesa

*Statewide
Annual Conference*

WORKING TOGETHER FOR "UNA VIDA SIN VIOLENCIA"

*Thursday, September 6, 2007
8am - 5pm
The Sheraton Hotel
(formerly the Radisson)
31 West Ohio Street
Downtown Indianapolis*



LATINO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

In partnership with CLARIAN HEALTH

The deadline for registering for this conference is August 31st. You may download the registration form from the web at www.indianalatinocoalition.org. For more information, call or email Marlene Dotson, 317-926-4673, marlenedotson01@yahoo.com

THE CHILDREN'S COALITION OF INDIANA PRESENTS

Children's Policy Summer Series 2007

*Advocating for the
well-being
of children*

Educational Options in Indiana

September 7, 2007

Charter schools, public schools, magnet schools, private schools, home schools, and now, even virtual schools.....educational options in Indiana seem endless. How can parents and tax payers make sense of it all? What does each option consist of? What unique advantages does each offer? And most importantly, what are the educational outcomes they produce?

During this moderated Q&A session, you can discuss educational alternatives with proponents of traditional and non-traditional educational options. Each speaker will provide a description of the option they represent, and then session participants will take the floor with their own questions. Panelists include:

- Ball State Charter Schools, Virtual Charter School....Dr. Larry Gabbert
- Mayor's Charter Schools.....Dan Roy
- Independent Schools.....Derek Redelman
- Alternative Schools.....Susan Fox
- High Performing Schools.....Nancy Sutton
- Parochial Schools.....Mickey Lentz
- Home Educators.....Stan Durnell
- Magnet Schools.....Tarry Banks



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Date: Friday, September 7, 2007

Time: 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m., bring your own brown bag lunch, drinks & dessert provided

Location: United Way of Central Indiana
3901 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208
317.923.1466

RSVP: kristen.laeace@uwci.org / 317.921.1264